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[USGBC anxious for Obama's BBI](#)

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Obama's [plan](#), called the Better Building Initiative (BBI), which integrates green practices with the commercial building industry, cannot come into action soon enough according to the USGBC.

GREEN BUILDING FOCUS

[Analysis: CALGreen vs. LEED](#)

Sustainable Building - Mar 14

This analysis compares CALGreen, California's green building code, with the more stringent LEED certification process.

[Stockton adopts green-home law](#)

Stockton Record - Mar 16

Stockton's energy efficiency law targets 8,500 pre-2002 homes for retrofits in hopes of achieving energy savings of 25%. If this goal is not met by the end of 2013, a mandatory residential energy assessment rule would be enacted.

[LEED credentials earn ANSI approval](#)

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LEED Green Associate, LEED AP O&M, and LEED AP Homes received accreditation from ANSI under ANSI's international ANSI/ISO/IEC 17024 standard for personnel certification bodies.

[LEED Demand Response Credit Committee](#)

Skipping Stone - Mar 14

Skipping Stone, Schneider Electric and the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory formed a committee to enhance the Demand Response LEED Pilot Credit. The revised and updated demand response credit will be published in spring 2011 and included in the 2012 version of LEED.

[Webinar: to LEED-EBO&M case studies](#)

PR Web - Mar 17

WPL Publishing's [webinar](#) on March 31, 2011 studies two San Francisco LEED-EB: O+M buildings -- the TransAmerica Pyramid building and 405 Howard Street.

[Office Depot -- Energy Star Leader](#)

South Florida Business Journal - Mar 16

The EPA named Office Depot an Energy Star Leader for cutting its buildings' energy consumption by 27.5% in 2010.

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Napa Valley Register - Mar 18

The Member Services Center of the Veterans Home at Yountville, California earned LEED-EB Gold for a \$17 million retrofit.

[San Mateo projects earn green awards](#)

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A San Mateo housing project and the College of San Mateo earned green building awards from area citizens' group [Sustainable San Mateo County](#).

[Directors Guild earn LEED Silver](#)

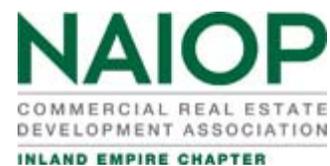
Variety - Mar 14

The Directors Guild of America's headquarters in LA earned LEED Silver.

[Adobe earns its 9th LEED Platinum award](#)

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Software firm Adobe earned its ninth LEED Platinum for its three-story, leased office building in Seattle.



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